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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG

SUBJECT:JUSTICE DEPT INDICTMENT OF HOMESTAKE PRODUCTION
COMPANY

REF: CARACAS 6269

1. JUSTICE DEPT INFORMS US THAT TRIAL OF HOMESTAKE PRO-
DUCTION COMPANY, SET TO COMMENCE IN TULSA IN JULY, HAS
BEEN INDEFINATELY POSTPONED DUE TO HEART ATTACK OF ONE OF
DEFENSE LAWYERS.

2. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT JUSTICE HAD ARRANGED (WHETHER
THROUGH EMBASSY OR NOT WE CANNOT DETERMINE, AS RESPONSIBLE
JUSTICE DEPT OFFICIAL IS ON VACATION) FOR THE APPEARANCE IN
LATE JULY AT THE TRIAL OF TWO OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF
MINES AND HYDROCARBONS: MR. RICARDO MORALES, INSPECTOR,
DEPT OF INTELLIGENCE AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES, AND MR. MARIO
ANTONIO GUANCHE, CUSTODIAN.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF TRIAL POSTPONEMENT, PLEASE
ADVISE ABOVE-NAMED OFFICIALS THAT THEIR JULY APPEARANCE WILL
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NOT TAKE PLACE. THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED AT LEAST TWO WEEKS

IN ADVANCE OF THE NEW TRIAL DATE.

4. SHOULD YOU WISH FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER,
YOU MAY CONTACT MR. JAY JOHNSON OR CRAIG DONSANTO AT THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FRAUD SECTION.

5. WE ARE POUCHING LETTER TO DEPT. BY JUSTICE DESCRIBING
TYPES OF DOCUMENTS AND WITNESSES JUSTICE DEPT WISHES GOV
TO SUPPLY. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN IF LETTER IS MOOT AT THIS
POINT, BUT IS SENT FYI AND FILES. KISSINGER

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